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#### **NATIONAL NEWS**

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully launched its heaviest and most-advanced high throughput communication satellite, GSAT-11, from the Spaceport in French Guiana.
  - The launch vehicle, Ariane 5 VA-246, lifted off from Kourou Launch
    Base carrying India's GSAT-11 and South Korea's GEO-KOMPSAT2A satellites.
  - o The **5854-kg satellite** will provide high data rate connectivity.
- Union Minister of Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, Dr. Harsh Vardhan, called upon the scientific community in India and ASEAN member states to intensify collaborative research in science, technology and innovation.
  - The first India-ASEAN InnoTech Summit in New Delhi is organised by FICCI in association with the Department of Science & Technology (DST) and the Ministry of External Affairs.
- The Centre has included Gangotri and Yamunotri in Uttrarakhand,
  Amarkantak in Madhya Pradesh and Parasnath in Jharkhand under a central scheme to develop pilgrimage and heritage destinations in the country.
  - The number of sites under the Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) launched by the ministry in 2014-15 has now become 41 in 25 states.
- Haryana's prestigious International Gita Mahotsav-2018 will be organised from December 7 to 23 in Kurukshetra. Artists and artisans of national and international repute will participate in the International Crafts and Saras Mela, which will simultaneously be organised from December 7-23.
  - Mauritius would be the partner country and Gujarat would be the partner state in the celebrations of the festival.
- Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurated India Water Impact Summit 2018 in New Delhi.
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#### INTERNATIONAL NEWS

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- **UAE and India** has inked a **currency swap agreement**, which means businesses can now can do trade using local currencies of rupee and dirham, instead of dollar. Both leaders also agreed **to boost cooperation in trade, security and defence**.
  - The leaders also decided to strengthen their resolve to combat extremism and terrorism in all its forms, regardless of the perpetrators and their intent.

## ECONOMY

- On the basis of an assessment of the current and evolving macroeconomic situation at its meeting, the **Monetary Policy Committee** (**MPC**) decided to: keep the policy repo rate under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) unchanged at 6.5 per cent and the marginal standing facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate at 6.75 per cent.
- **CRISIL** cut India's growth forecast for current fiscal to **7.4 per cent** on the back of weakening global GDP and trade growth. India's growth in the July-September quarter slipped to **7.1 per cent** from 8.2 per cent in the **April-June quarter**.

#### **AWARDS**

- The Indian cricket team captain **Virat Kohli** has received a special honour as a **signed Jersey** that he donated after scoring his hundred in the fourth Test at the Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG) during India's tour of Australia in 2014-15 has been placed **next to Sachin Tendulkar's portrait at the Bradman Museum**.
  - The Museum is also known as 'The Home of Cricket Memories.'

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

• Expenditure Secretary **Ajay Narayan Jha** was appointed the **new Finance Secretary**. Jha, a 1982-batch IAS officer of Manipur Tripura cadre, succeeds **Hasmukh Adhia** who retired on November 30.

#### **SPORTS**

- State Bank of India has roped in Asian Games gold medalist Swapna Barman as brand ambassador for its digital app YONO. YONO (You Only Need One), the bank's digital platform that makes both lifestyle and banking available through a single app, was launched exactly a year back.
  - Swapna won gold medal in Heptathlon in Jakarta Asian Games.

#### **BOOKS & AUTHORS**

- Admiral Sunil Lanba, PVSM, AVSM, ADC Chief of the Naval Staff, released a book titled 'Blue Waters Ahoy!' chronicling the Indian Navy's History from 2001-10.
  - The book has been authored by Vice Admiral Anup Singh, who retired as the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Eastern Naval Command in 2011.